**Chapter Summaries:**

Part 1: Where I’m At (Chapter 1-6)

“It’s so hard to talk when you want to kill yourself.”

The narrator, Craig, explains his story. He hangs out with his friends, including Aaron and Ronny, who he met at his school. They are addicted to pot and teach Craig how to have fun with it. Craig cannot concentrate and soon goes to the restroom to wash his face.

Craig is at Dr. Minerva’s office. Dr. Minerva is an excellent psychologist in Brooklyn. They talk about Craig’s sleeping problem and his future plans. He begins to question his future aspirations. Craig recalls when he was four when he lived in a shoddy apartment in Manhattan. He wanted to draw the place where he lived but he could not trace well and became frustrated. His parents soothed him and he decided to become a mapmaker.

After he finishes his meeting with Dr. Minerva, he walks back home, thinking about his family, who endlessly supports him. He wonders why he does not have an appetite and blames himself for it.

When he gets home, Craig’s mother asks him about the meeting and he realizes that she knows of his near encounter with marijuana. He confesses that he almost smoked pot but she avoids the topic because his younger sister, Sarah, is present. They have dinner together but Craig fails to eat a single bite.

Part 2: How I Got There (Chapter 7-13)

Craig explains why he is depressed.

Two years ago, he was accepted to one of the best high schools in Manhattan: Executive Pre-Professional High School. To get accepted, he finished all of his test-prep books and finally got 800 out of 800. He calls Aaron, whom he considers a “real friend,” to tell gives him news of his test score and acceptance.

Craig is on the phone with Aaron and discovers that Aaron has also been accepted. Aaron is quick to mention that he did not study for the test while Craig studied hard. Craig decides to go over Aaron’s house. There, Craig meets Nia, Aaron’s girlfriend, whom he is very drawn to. However, Aaron talks about his intimate relationship with Nia even though they are only teenagers. They come out and Craig heads toward the Brooklyn Bridge and yells out in anger.

He admits that his depression started slowly. He thinks about the many reasons for his problem and he finds out that it is school that stresses him out. He previously believed that he was the most brilliant student in town and possibly the world, but now there are many students who are better than him.

He reveals his illness to his parents and he gets the chance to meet Dr. Barney. At Barney’s office, he talks about his family and school, but he does not get much help.

Part 3: Badoom (Chapter 14-16)

Craig considers suicide for the first time. Because he feels bad for his family, he masks his depression and vows to think positively. That night, Craig cannot fall asleep and finally decides to call the Suicide Hotline phone number that he finds in the yellow book. The officer, Keith, advises him to go to an emergency room immediately because that way, he can avoid suicidal thoughts.

Part 4: Hospital (Chapter 17-18)

Craig goes to the hospital by himself. He registers himself and talks with the nurse about his symptoms. However, because he is young, the nurse asks him to bring his parents. His mother immediately arrives and signs to let Craig decide on his treatment. Craig, then, follows the nurse to Six North hospital, without knowing where it will be. When he gets there, he realizes it is the mental ward.

Part 5: Six North, Saturday (Chapter 19-28)

Craig takes his blood pressure measurement off a rolling cart. He introduces himself to nurses and patients at Six North. He also has a roommate, Muqtada, a large man with a straight gray beard, wide wrinkled dark face, and glasses with white plastic rims. After introducing each other, they go down to the cafeteria to have dinner. Craig is worried about eating, but because many patients ask him about his background, he does not have the time to eat.

Before he goes to bed, his parents come to visit him. They are worried about sending him there by himself but they are assured that it is a safe environment.

There, Craig receives several calls from Nia, Aaron, and his science teacher, who wants to talk about his absence and the possibility of making up lab assignments. He decides to call back Nia and confesses to her that he tried to kill himself.

Part 6: Six North, Sunday (Chapter 29-32)

In this hospital, Craig realizes that he has to pick menu for each meal and activities that he wants to join. At 7 P.M., he meets Noelle, another patient at the hospital, and talks about each other’s symptoms. Unlike some patients who are reclusive or delusional, she is quite friendly. She frankly tells Craig why she comes to the hospital and they soon get closer. Afterward, Craig and Noelle join to Joanie’s play, drawing one’s mind. Craig draws a map of his own city. Surprisingly, people praise his work of art and Craig enjoys the attention. He does not need any shot to go to sleep.

Part 7: Six North, Monday (Chapter 33-35)

It is Monday and Craig should be at school, but he is still at the hospital. He gets several more phone calls from Aaron, Nia and Mr. Reynolds. When his phone finally dies, he starts pacing. He ponders about his disease and he finalizes that depression is not a disease. He, then, begins to worry about his schoolwork that he has to make up for absence and Dr. Minerva comes into his room.

Craig sits in Dr. Minerva’s office. Dr. Minerva tells Craig that he got few phone calls from his teachers and they agree to support Craig so he does not have to worry about the school. And he informs him that he will be discharge on Thursday.

Part 8: Six North, Tuesday (Chapter 36-42)

The music band that includes the guitar guy, Neil, comes to the hospital to offer “musical exploration.” Neil starts with “I Shot the Sheriff” and leads patients to enjoy the time. At first, Craig refuses to dance because he hates dancing but soon dances. “Sing like no one’s listening, dance like no one’s watching? – whatever” (335). Craig dances like other do.

Nia comes to see Craig at the hospital. Craig is surprised but is more surprised when she says that Aaron and she broke up. Nia begins to start her story and asks him how he feels at the mental ward. Craig replies that this place is good but she has to be really bad in order to get in. He, then, tours her and shows his room to her. In his room, Nia tries to have intimate relationship with Craig. Then, they get caught by Muqtada and Nia soon leaves.

After Nia leaves, Noelle comes to Craig’s room. During their conversation, Craig shows his development and maturity. He says that everybody has problems but some people just hide better than other. He tells Noelle to have confident because her scar does not represent her.

Part 9: Six North, Wednesday (Chapter 43-49)

This is Craig’s last full day at the hospital. After breakfast, when he opens his email accounts, he sees many emails, sending from his school. He is afraid to open them and states, “failing at school is failing at life” (385).

Craig meets Dr. Minerva before he leaves tomorrow. There, Dr. Minerva suggests him majoring art because he can see the potential from Craig. Craig hesitates at first, but he agrees with his idea and decides to transfer his school.

Aaron visits. He apologies to Craig and soon realizes that Craig has changed. Aaron leaves quickly and Craig promises Aaron that he will not kill himself.

Craig has enjoyed the life at the hospital and decides to draw for patients before he leaves.

When his parents visit Craig, he tells about his plan. Craig’s parents are surprised about his sudden change but they declare that they will support him.

It is his last night. He sits down next to Noelle and expresses his love. At the end, he states that he is the happiest man in the world.

Part 10: Six North, Thursday (Chapter 50)

Craig is discharged. His parents come to pick him up in the morning and Craig shows his determination to live. He introduces Noelle to his parents and finally says goodbye to other patients. After he leaves the hospital, he begins to wonder why he was trying to kill himself. He now can eat as much as he can and sees the world with positive view. He is determined to live optimistically and enjoys the every moment.